

**REMARKS / ARGUMENTS**

In the Office Action dated November 23, 2005, the Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions:

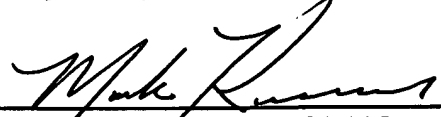
- I. Claims 1-18, drawn to a container for holding items to be microbially deactivated, classified in class 422, subclass 300.
- II. Claims 19-22, drawn to a reprocessor for microbially deactivating items, classified in class 422, subclass 292.

In view of the foregoing Restriction Requirement, the applicant hereby elects examination of **claims 1-18**, drawn to a container for holding items to be microbially deactivated. The unelected claims (i.e., claims 19-22) have now been cancelled. However, the applicant reserves the right to resubmit the unelected claims in a divisional application.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this matter, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

If there are any fees necessitated by the foregoing communication, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0537, referencing our Docket No. ST8726US.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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